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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first and second subparagraphs on page 6 as follows:

Fig. 5 is a partial plan view of a conventional conveying device; and

Fig. 6 is a partial cross-sectional view of the conventional conveying device;

Fig. 7 is a partial cross-sectional view of one of the containers of the conveying plate according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 10 as follows:

Although the cameras 11 pick up images of the components W to detect the presence of the components W in the above-described preferred embodiment, an alternative non-contact detection method for the presence of the electronic components W may be applied by using, for example, fiber-optic sensors, photoelectric sensors, proximity sensors, laser sensors, or displacement sensors. Based on a signal from one of the sensors of these types, the supplied rate of the electronic components W may be calculated. The use of sensors of the above-mentioned types allows easier installation and calculation process compared to the use of the cameras 11. Alternatively, another preferred embodiment of the present invention ~~may be provided with~~ provides detection terminals 31 and 32 which come in contact with opposed ends of the electronic components W to detect the presence of the components W. In ~~that~~ this case, the measuring terminals provided in the inspection unit 6 described above may alternatively be used to function both as the measuring terminals and the detection terminals for detecting the presence of the electronic components W. That is, the detection terminals 31 and 32 come in contact with the components W and measure the electrical properties of the components W to determine whether each component W is defective or non-defective, in addition to detecting the presence of the components W. Accordingly, this achieves an efficient use of the already-existing measuring terminals, which may concurrently function as a component-detecting unit.